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Fuentes to Present \$1.2 Million in State Bond Funds to Construct Cutting Edge San Fernando Valley Park

*Eighth Street Park in San Fernando will clean water, fulfill vision
of recreational greenway along Pacoima Wash*

SAN FERNANDO— Assemblymember Felipe Fuentes (D- Sylmar) will join Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Executive Director Joseph T. Edminston to present \$1.2 Million from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) to build a new “clean water” park along the banks of the Pacoima Wash flood control channel. The first of many parks planned along the historic waterway that flows from the Angeles National Forest, the new Eighth Street Park will not only provide first class passive recreational opportunities for a populated neighborhood, but will also clean the water running off the city street around it.

“This new beautiful park is more than just a neighborhood enhancement,” said Fuentes. “Its larger purpose is to provide a simple and natural solution to the regional problem of urban water runoff.”

Designed to highlight the natural beauty of the area, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority will construct the 4.5-acre park adjacent to the Pacoima Wash, on the corner of Eighth Street and Newton, in an established residential neighborhood just west of Foothill Boulevard. Park amenities will include restoration of native plant communities, benches, walking paths, and decorative fencing.

Also participating in the presentation is City of San Fernando Mayor Nury Martinez.

Who: Assemblymember Felipe Fuentes (D- Sylmar)
San Fernando Mayor Nury Martinez
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

What: Announcement of \$1.2 million State investment to build new “clean water” park in San Fernando

When: Friday, May 16, 9:30 a.m.

Where: 801 Eighth Street on the Pacoima Wash in City of San Fernando

Directions:

Eighth Street Park is located at 801 Eighth Street, San Fernando, CA 91340

From the 210 Freeway, Exit Maclay. Head South. Left on 8th Street. Park is located at end of Eight Street at Newton.

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